through its operation during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce similar trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Details of expenditure incurred on the operation of 'Palace on Wheels' including its maintenance and the revenue earned therefrom by Railways in the last two years are as under :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Earnings	Expenditure
1991-92	378.50	250.81
1992-93	497.60	302.59

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Freight moved by Railways

4101. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what was the ratio between goods moved by Railways to Roads in 1960, 1970, 1980 and 1990;

(b) whether there is a progressive decline in freight moved by Railways as compared to Roads; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Railways to attract more freight ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Closer coordination with user departments and major industries is being maintained. In addition, steps like quoting station to station rates, revitalising of Freight Forwarder Scheme, introduction of speed Link Express services on additional routes, movement of containerised cargo for both domestic and international market, and special efforts to attract more parcel traffic are some of the efforts being made to attract more freight traffic by the Railways.

Statement

Ratio between goods moved by Railways to Roads is as under

Year	Freight moved by (in billion T Kms)		Percentage share of	
	Railways	Roads	Railways	Roads
1960-61	88	17	83.8	16.2
1970-71	127	57	69.0	31.0
1980-81	159	98	61.9	38.1
1990-91	Regular compilation of rail & road shares in total freight movement is not done. Last time these were compiled by the Steering Committee on Perspective Planning for Transport Development set up by Planning Commission which submitted its report in 1988.			

Freight Operations

4102. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether any target for freight operations has been fixed for the quarter ending June, 1993;

(b) if so, the performance made during the period;

(c) the details of steps taken to accelerate freight operation performance of Railways; and

(d) whether any strategy has been prepared to make Railways competitive with the Road Operators ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (in million tonnes)

Target	Actuals
87.50	83.24

(c) and (d) Close co-ordination with user departments and major industries is being maintained, aggressive marketing drives have been undertaken and new growth areas are being explored.

4103. [*Transferred to 23rd August, 1993*]